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For: DEVICE CONTROL METHOD AND  
PROGRAM RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH  
THE METHOD IS RECORDED

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 4:

**CROSS-RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Application PCT/JP00/04421.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete pages "34/37", "35/37", "36/37" and "37/37" of the drawings, also labeled as "Reference numerals in the drawings" in its entirety.